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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Updates/Changes

This memo is to inform you of some updates/changes to the program. Included in this packet:

- Updated Sturgeon Identification Tool
- 2010 Sea Scallop Fishing Year Coverage Rates (NEFOP Memo 10-006)

Recent sturgeon misidentifications led to an evaluation of the identification cheatsheet, whereby NEFOP staff felt that some of the images provided were misleading. Due to this, we have updated and clarified the sturgeon identification tool, and enclosed it here. Specific changes include a new layout, improved identification characteristics, photos and photographic guidelines, color coding by species, and cautions on the head/snout variation in Atlantic sturgeon. Replace your old sturgeon cheat sheet with this version immediately. The Sea Scallop memo clarifies the sea day schedule for the upcoming fishing year.

If you have any questions, please contact your data editor.

Thank you.

